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**GOHSEP Employee Chosen for FEMA Flood Map Advisory Council**

**Baton Rouge (October 31)-** Jeffrey Giering, Technical Services Section Chief for the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP), has been chosen State Hazard Mitigation Officer for the Technical Mapping Advisory Council (TMAC). The TMAC provides valuable assistance to FEMA leadership on matters related to flood hazard mapping. Giering's two year term of office began October 1<sup>st</sup>.

The TMAC is a federal advisory committee established to review and make recommendations to FEMA on matters related to the national flood mapping program authorized under the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012. The national flood mapping program provides flood maps to inform communities about the local flood risk and help set minimum floodplain standards so communities may build safely and resiliently. The Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) established under the program help determine the cost of National Flood Insurance Program flood insurance which helps property owners to financially protect themselves against flooding. The TMAC will review the national flood mapping activities authorized under the law and prepare recommendations to the FEMA Administrator. The TMAC will also produce a report on the impacts of climate sciences and future conditions and how they may be incorporated into the mapping program.

The TMAC includes representatives from Federal, state, local and private sector organizations as mandated in The Biggert Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012. The legislation requires certain Federal Government departments and agencies to be

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represented, and requires the FEMA Administrator to appoint members from 16 specific member categories.

Jeffrey Giering began his career with Louisiana's Office of Emergency Preparedness (LOEP) in March of 2002. LOEP became the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness in early 2006. Currently, Mr. Giering serves as the Technical Services Section Chief and the State Hazard Mitigation Officer for Louisiana. The Mitigation Section, under the Disaster Recovery Division of GOHSEP, administers all of FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Assistance programs for Louisiana. Giering's section is responsible for providing technical assistance on benefit-cost analysis, hazard mitigation planning and other programmatic issues.

Before joining GOHSEP, Giering worked for the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Office of Soil and Water Conservation for four years. He is a graduate of Northwestern State University with a Bachelor of Science in Biology. Giering is also an active member of the Louisiana Army National Guard with service over 13 years. Giering currently holds the rank of Major and serves in the 256th Infantry Brigade Combat Team. In 2007 – 2008, he deployed to Baghdad, Iraq, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Giering is a Certified Floodplain Manager, and member of the Association of Floodplain Managers, and the Louisiana Floodplain Management Association.

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